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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David A. Trueba, et al.

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For: **CONTROL METHOD FOR
PROCESS OF REMOVING
PERMANGANATE REDUCING
COMPOUNDS FROM METHANOL
CARBONYLATION PROCESS**

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**AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

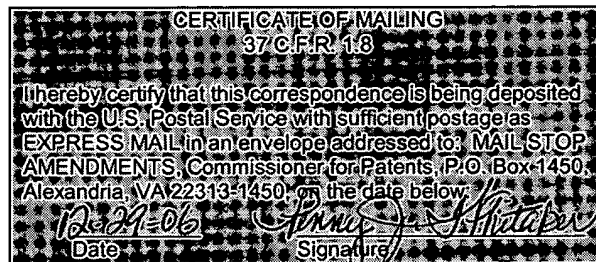
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2006, for which a response is due on February 1, 2007, Applicants submit this response and request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

Applicants believe that this response is being timely filed and that no fees are due in connection with this document. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 08-3038/10437.0074.NPUS01. **The Pending Claims** begin on page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 4.